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PHOENIX ATTORNEY PLEADS GUILTY TO EMBEZZLEMENT OF PUBLIC MONEY

PHOENIX -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on June 22, 2004, attorney Robert A. Suzenski, D.O.B. April 27, 1947, of Phoenix, pleaded guilty to one felony count of Embezzlement of Public Money.

As alleged in the indictment, filed on May 14, 2003, Mr. Suzenski, who practiced law under the firm name of Robert Suzenski, P.C., between the dates of January 2001 and February 2003, engaged in a pattern of deception in his practice of representing debtors before the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Arizona. Suzenski, as the attorney for the debtor, received funds into his trust account on behalf of the debtor(s) bankruptcy estate. These funds were placed with Suzenski to pay creditor's claims and quarterly fees assessed by the United States Trustee. The count the defendant pleaded guilty to involved the embezzlement of quarterly fees assessed by the United States Trustee. A majority of trust account funds were removed by Suzenski and placed into his personal account for his personal use. Over \$150,000 was embezzled by Sukenski for his personal use.

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A conviction for Embezzlement of Public Money carries a maximum penalty of 10 years prison, a \$250,000 fine or both. Sentencing is set for September 10, 2004.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the office of the United States Trustee.

The prosecution is being handled by Howard D. Sukenic, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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